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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 23, 1997 OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the June 23, 1997 Office Action issued in the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due September 23, 1997. Applicants hereby request a three month extension of time for responding to the June 23 Office Action and enclose the required fee. Accordingly, the due date for filing a response to the June 23 Office Action is now December 23, 1997 and this amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 238, 272, and 308 as follows:

-- 238 (Twice amended) An oligo- or polynucleotide comprising at least one nucleotide having the formula:

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